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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3731
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 01035.0039-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Masoud Molaei)	Group Art Unit: 3731
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Application No.: 09/954,557)	Examiner: Vy Q. Bui
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Filed: September 17, 2001)	Confirmation No.: 7940
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For: AVOIDING STRESS-INDUCED)	Mail Stop AF
MARTENSITIC)	
TRANSFORMATION IN NICKEL)	
TITANIUM ALLOYS USED IN)	
MEDICAL DEVICES)	

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2005, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Attachment to this amendment includes:

1. Melton, K.N., "Ni-Ti Based Shape Memory Alloys," Engineering Aspects of Shape Memory Alloys (1990), pp. 21-35.